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Treasury Report: Briefing for Cabinet Business Committee Tuesday, 2 April 2013

Date:	28 March 2013	Report No:	T2013/819
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Action Sought

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Minister of Finance (Hon Bill English)	Read prior to CBC meeting	1:30, Tuesday, 2 April 2013
Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Steven Joyce)	Read prior to CBC meeting	1:30, Tuesday, 2 April 2013
Associate Minister of Finance (Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman)	Read prior to CBC meeting	1:30, Tuesday, 2 April 2013

Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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Actions for the Minister's Office Staff (if required)

None.

Enclosure: No

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Social Housing Reform	Support	<i>Operating</i>					Funding for policy proposals in the paper will be sought through Budget 13.
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		<i>Capital</i>					
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Recommended Action

We recommend that you **read** this report prior to the Cabinet Business Committee meeting at 1:30 on Tuesday, 2 April 2013.

Melody Guy
Manager, Natural Resources

Hon Bill English
Minister of Finance

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Social Housing Reform

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Purpose

1. This paper seeks agreement to prepare legislation for introduction on Budget Day, which will create a new regulatory environment for social housing. The legislation will allow Ministers to:
 - Establish a regulator for social housing, and require non-government providers to gain approval before they can access government funding;
 - Transfer responsibility for conducting needs assessment and calculation of eligibility for Income-Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) from HNZC to MSD; and
 - Extend reviewable tenancies to all HNZC tenants.
2. The paper also seeks approval to extend IRRS to non-government providers. Funding for related costs will be sought through Budget 13, offset by an MBIE underspend.

Comment

3. The proposals in the paper are broadly in line with the 'end state' for social housing that Cabinet agreed in October 2012. This paper was initially going to be considered at EGI on March 27, but was not lodged with Cabinet Office following discussions with the Prime Minister. [6]

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Treasury Recommendation

5. We recommend that you **support** the recommendations in this paper

